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SUBJECT: NPG PERM REP DISCUSSION OF U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENT POLICY

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING MAY 16 NPG PERM REP MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR BERGEN MINISTERIAL MEETING, PERM REPS DISCUSSED "U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENT POLICY"--I.E., MODIFICATIONS TO U.S. STRATEGIC TARGETING POLICY. ALIED COMMENTS INDICATED FAVORABLE RECEPTION OF U.S. POLICY AND OF CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED THUS FAR, AND STRONG INTEREST IN REMARKS WHICH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PLANS TO MAKE ON THE SUBJECT BOTH AT BERGEN AND AT JUNE 14 DPC MINISTERIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCED SUBJECT BY RECALLING RUMSFELD'S STATEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION AT NPG PERM REPS MEETING ON FEB. 4 (REFS. (A) AND (B)). HE LASO MENTIONED THAT AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SECDEF AND SACEUR ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPACT OF THE U.S. POLICY SHIFT ON ACE PLANNING HAD BEEN CIRCULATED (REF. (E)). HE NOTED THAT SECDEF INTENDS TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT AT BERGEN, AND THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SECDEF WOULD BE ABLE TO REPEAT HIS REMARKS ON RETARGETING AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL FOR THE BENEFIT

OF THOSE COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED AT BERGEN.

2. RUMSFELD REPLIED BY REVIEWING THE CONSULTATIVE STEPS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE ALLIANCE ON THIS SUBJECT, BEGINNING WITH SECDEF'S INTRODUCTION OF THE SUBJECT AT THE HAGUE NPG MINISTERIAL, AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE FEB.4 NPG PERM REPS MEETING; THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER, BOTH IN MILREP AND CHIEFS OF STAFF SESSION; AND INCLUDING NOT ONLY THE SECDEF-SACEUR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, BUT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY HAS HAD WITH SOME ALLIED MOD'S. HE NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AT BERGEN, AND WILL REVIEW HIS REMARKS THERE AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL. RUMSFELD OFFERED TO CONVEY TO WASHINGTON ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MADE EITHER AT THE PRESENT MEETING OR PRIVATELY, SO AS TO ASSIST SECDEF IN HIS PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIALS.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID THAT THE SUBJECT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF MILITARY FACTORS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT IS A MATTER ON WHICH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MIGHT GIVE ADVICE. THE CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE (HILL-NORTON) CONFIRMED THAT THE MC CHIEFS OF STAFF HAD ON MAY 14 A CLEAR AND DETAILED BRIEFING FROM ADMIRAL MOORER. HILL-MORTON'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT ADMIRAL MOORER HAD LAID TO REST ANY REMAINING DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS IN THIS MATTER, AND ABOUT THE MEANING OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HE "ENCAPSULATED" THE MC VIEW ON THE SUBJECT BY SAYING THAT THE U.S. INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE ONE FURTHER RUNG ON THE ESCALATION LADDER. THE MATTER IS NOT NEW, BUT IS A DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO STRATEGY. THE POLICY TAKES ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL AS MILITARY FACTORS. THE BASIC POINT IS THAT INCREASING ACCURACY IN U.S. STRATEGIC SYSTEMS HAD MADE POSSIBLE SOME NEW OPTIONS WHICH OFFER MORE PRECISE TARGETING WITH LESSER COLLATERAL EFFECTS. HE FELT THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING

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IN EUROPEAN MINDS (NOW LARGELY DISPELLED) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE POLICY WAS SOMETHING NEW, BUT THAT IN FACT IT SIMPLY ADDS ON TO ESTABLISHED NATO STRATEGY, SYG LUNS ADDED THAT HE FELT THE IMPACT OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN FAVORABLE ON THE WHOLE.

4. PECK (UK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WELCOME THE CHANGE, THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION AT BERGEN, AND HOPE THAT SECDEF MIGHT COMMENT FURTHER ON THE DETAILED EFFECTS OF THE POLICY ON SACEUR'S PLANNING. HE ALSO HOPED THERE MIGHT BE SOME FURTHER ENLIGHTENMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN "COMPUTERIZATION IN COMMAND AND CONTROL." HE SAID THAT IF THIS MEANT "MORE FINE TRIGGER STUFF" THE UK WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. (COMMENT: WE LEARNED FROM A UK MISSION OFFICER AFTER THE MEETING THAT THIS WAS A REFERENCE TO SECDEF'S STATEMENT ON

MARCH 4 TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARMS CONTROL, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATION, IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS EXPLANATION OF THE NEW TARGETING DOCTRINE, THAT THE USG IS ASKING CONGRESS FOR FUNDS FOR IMPROVED COMMAND AND CONTROL. END COMMENT)

5. MENZIES (CANADA) SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IF SECDEF COULD RELATE HIS BERGEN REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT OF THE NPG STUDY ON WARSAW PACT STRATEGY AND DOCTRINE--I.E., WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THAT STUDY OF THE NEW TARGETING DOCTRINE, HOW, HE ASKED, DOES THE SECRETARY SEE THE INTENDED MESSAGE GETTING ACROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE?

6. DE STAERCKE, NOTING THE FACT THAT SECDEF IS CURRENTLY EXPLAINING THE REVISED POLICY TO THE U.S. CONGRESS, ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY MIGHT AT BERGEN DEAL WITH THE EUROPEAN INTEREST IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD SHOW TO THE EUROPEANS THEIR INTEREST, AS OPPOSED TO THE STRICTLY U.S. INTEREST, IN THE POLICY. RUMSFELD AGREED TO PASS ON THIS AND OTHER POINTS MADE BUT NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE EQUALLY APPROPRIATE IF EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE NPG COULD, AT BERGEN, COMMENT ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW POLICY FROM THEIR VANTAGE POINT. DE STAERCKE AGREED TO URGE HIS EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES TO DO SO, AND SUG LUNS SAID THAT IF THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW UP, THE CHAIRMAN WOULD.

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7. RUMSFELD ADDED, AND ASKED OTHERS TO SAY SO IF THEY HAD A DIFFERENT VIEW, THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT REACTION IN NATO GENERALLY TO THE REVISED U.S. POLICY HAS BEEN POSITIVE, AND THAT THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED HAVE BEEN ANSWERED. NO PERM REP DISSENTED FROM THIS STATEMENT.

8. IN REPLY TO A SUGGESTION MADE EARLIER IN THE MEETING BY NORWEGIAN PERM REP BUSCH (SEE SEPTTEL) THAT MINISTERS COULD PROFITABLY HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE, RUMSFELD SUGGESTED THAT ONE ASPECT FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION MIGHT BE HOW NATO COULD BEST DEAL PUBLICLY WITH THE SUBJECT OF THE REVISED STRATEGIC TARGETING DOCTRINE. RUMSFELD.

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